

REMARKS

The Examiner asserts that the application contains claims directed to more than one species of the generic invention, and they are deemed lack of unity because they are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1. The species are:

- I. FIGs. 3-5 directed to method of increasing pressure by decreasing mass flow rate of process gas out of process chamber;
- II. FIGs. 8-10 directed to method of increasing pressure by increasing mass flow rate of process gas into process chamber;
- III. FIGs. 11-15 directed to method of increasing rate of pressure by supplying purge gas; and
- IV. FIGs. 16-18 directed to method of increasing pressure by coupling with pump inverter.

Applicant respectfully traverses the restriction requirement. Generic claim 1 captures a single general inventive concept around over-pressurizing in the initial stage without specifically limiting to how the over-pressurizing is done. Species I-IV are mere different embodiments, which are united under the overarching concept of over-pressurizing as described in claim 1. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests that the restriction requirement be withdrawn.

As required by the Examiner, Applicant has elected Species IV relating to FIGs. 16-18, and claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 13-16, with traverse. Should the Examiner deem that

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any further clarification is desirable, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below listed telephone number.

Applicant does not believe that any additional fee is due, but as a precaution, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee to deposit account number 50-4244.

Respectfully submitted,

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